



Cascade Connections

CSHA Newsletter • Fall 2024

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To All of Our Volunteers and Donors Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helps us make Cascade Shores such an inviting place to live. Volunteers and donors help us in many ways including making Lost Mine Lake so special.

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California FAIR Plan

At a recent Community Forum held at Sierra College, Phillip Irwin, spokesperson for the California FAIR Insurance Plan, noted that many discounts are available for homeowners that have FAIR Plan Insurance or other plans.

Irwin noted that communities that are active Firewise Communities, like Cascade Shores, are eligible for a 10 percent discount if the insured files a Firewise Community certificate. A copy of the certificate, which needs to be filed with your insurance broker, is enclosed in this newsletter.

The California FAIR Plan (CFPNET.com) also offers a 5 percent discount for homeowners who have created a defensible space zone around their home along with a 4.5 percent discount for those who have hardened their homes through a variety of methods. Irwin noted that insurance brokers have the necessary information for insured homeowners to understand defensible space zones and home hardening needs in order to gain all of the discounts available.

He also noted that many of the aforementioned discounts are available to those who hold insurance policies through other companies.



Winter is Coming!

Now is the perfect time to check your propane tank.

We all remember 'snowmagedon' and this year could be worse, hopefully not, but it's a good idea to check your tank and call your provider to get your tank filled before winter sets in.

Make sure to check your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries too!

President's Message

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) continues to do well. We have 120 members, 8 fewer than last year at this time. However, we often get some additional members as the cold weather begins as people see how much money members can save on their propane bill, currently about 55% from Suburban's non-member pricing. The money saved on one fill-up is usually more than enough to pay the annual dues. Membership is very important, as maintaining and improving the Lost Mine Lake picnic and swimming facility requires a significant cash flow. In addition to their membership dues, 25 members have donated almost \$2,000. These donations help immensely in covering unexpected expenses.

The Board of Directors recognizes that there have sometimes been problems with the service from Suburban Propane. We are actively working with Suburban's administration to resolve those issues.

Thanks are due to the many homeowners who are continuing to work on the fire safety of their property. This work improves the fire safety of the entire community. Because of these efforts, Cascade Shores has again been designated as a Firewise Community. This is very important to those homeowners who receive an insurance premium reduction because of that designation.

We have 3 vacant positions on the Board of Directors. If any of you are interested in taking a more active role in the organization, please talk with me or another Board member. It means attending a Board meeting once a month, nine months out of the year, and helping with the projects which occasionally arise. You do not need to wait for the annual election to become a Board member, as we can make interim appointments.

Our Board meetings are open to all CSHA members. We meet at 5:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month. The meetings are at Lost Mine Lake during the warm months weather June-October and at the Firehouse the rest of the year November and March-May. If you wish to address the Board on some topic, please email me at hjwander@comcast.net and I will put you on the agenda.

I wish you all a Thankful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025.

Harry Wander
President

Lost Mine Lake Fall 2024

It has been a quiet year at Lost Mine Lake. We have added handrails at the lawn entrance and Jim LeFrancois added shelving in the shed for better organization. With lots of help from Sean O'Brien and his tractor the beach was enlarged and new sand was added.

Cleanup day was productive and I would like to thank the volunteers for their hard work and the members who contributed financially so generously. Without this extra help, improvements would be difficult.

The aerators are going to be put on timers. We have been advised that aeration is more effective in the cool of the evening when the oxygen levels are low. This will help to reduce the electricity bill and reduce the strain on the compressors. We will monitor the change next season to determine if reducing the cycling time compromises the current effectiveness of weed reduction.

Andrew Guevel and I take great pleasure in seeing people enjoy the lake. This is especially true of the young families playing on the swing set. This is our reward for our volunteer work. If you have ever considered volunteering, it is not too late. There can be great satisfaction in helping to make your community a little better.

There is a new bench on the beach. This bench was the personal donation of the Board in memory of my son who passed last year. It means a great deal to me.

Doug Gloff
Vice-President and LML Supervisor



Photos from our Christmas in July Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social on July 6th at Lost Mine Lake.



Ben's Bench

History of Scotts Flat Lake

The California Gold Rush of 1849 lured many immigrants to Nevada County with dreams of finding wealth. Camps sprang up along Deer Creek where the gravel bed was rich with gold. Communities grew rapidly with brush houses and log cabins replacing the tents. A group of Scottish immigrants, bound by a common language, settled in a flat valley about 6 miles upstream from Nevada City in the area now known as Scotts Flat.

By the time they arrived, prospecting for gold had evolved from sifting through the creek bed by hand to the earliest form of placer mining, using a pan to help separate the gold from the sediment. Word spread of a sluice box being developed in nearby Buckeye Hill. It used the same principle as panning, but was a box with riffles along the bottom to trap the gold as water and gravel washed over them. By 1855, a local entrepreneur named Amos Laird was employing 200 pick-and-shovel miners in the local area to work his network of sluices with water provided by a network of canals.

Technology would soon take a huge leap that would change life forever in Scotts Flat. Hydraulic mining, using jets of high-pressure water to wash away gravel and boulders, was developed in Nevada City in 1853. Creeks were dammed to collect water and ditches built to deliver the large quantities needed to excavate the hillsides. Providing water for hydraulic mining became a very profitable business resulting in countless lawsuits over water rights. In 1854, the small ditches were consolidated into powerful water companies, one being the Rock Creek, Deer Creek, and South Yuba Canal Company (later shortened to South Yuba Canal Co. in 1870) controlling the canals and ditches in the Scotts Flat area.

Amos Laird, having become the largest hydraulic miner of the area, and wanting to save money being paid to the water companies, began building a dam in Scotch Flat (note different spelling) in 1856. This would mark the end of the Scottish mining camp. In February 1857, as the dam was rapidly filling from heavy rains, it suddenly gave way, sending water cascading down Deer Creek and into Nevada City where it wiped out two bridges, six houses, three stores, and half a hotel.

The people of area watched in dismay as engineering resources and power replaced the solitary miner. Hydraulic mining required a company approach, employing men to wash away the hillside with high powered nozzles. One worker with a hose could do the

work of 20 shovelers. The single miner was obsolete. The mining population along the creek dwindled, leaving a small lake behind the collapse of Laird's Dam.

Tilton, Mulloy, Cunningham, and Snell made a hydraulic mining claim in the Scotts Flat in 1865 and powerful monitors supplied by the local water systems began blasting away the hillsides in the search for gold. The gravel was washed through sluices where workers would extract the gold that settled behind the riffles. Any gold that remained in the washed gravel was picked out by Chinese workers, and the final gold separated out by the use of mercury.

Hydraulic mining operations continued to multiply and dominate gold mining. Companies formed at Sailor Flat, just south of Scotts Flat, and at nearby Quaker Hill. It is estimated that the water stripped 12 million cubic yards of dirt and gravel from the Scotts Flat hillsides, depositing it into the streams and creeks, and carrying it downstream where, combined with the hydraulic debris from other mining operations, it raised the level of the Central Valley by as much as 20 feet and formed huge bars in San Francisco Bay. The farmland became useless and wildlife destroyed. Environmental opposition rose and hydraulic mining was outlawed in 1884.

Fortunately for the companies that had built their businesses providing water for hydraulic mining, the water-powered Pelton Wheel was being developed in Nevada City and would soon revolutionize power generation. Generators provided the power to move mining underground and power companies would become a new business force. The first project for PG&E was the Deer Creek Powerhouse just upstream from Scotts Flat.

Water companies were also expanding to provide more irrigation water to the farms of the Central Valley. The 1920s brought a campaign to form a water district in Nevada County. Many of the old canals and reservoirs had fallen into disrepair or were unused. Recognizing the value of a constant water supply, the Nevada Irrigation District was formed by a popular vote. NID began working on a plan to capture, store, and deliver water to the people of Nevada County.

NID built the first dam at Scotts Flat in 1928. It's now known as Lower Scotts Flat Diversion Dam and provides water to the D-S Canal. A second dam was built a bit upstream in 1948 and enlarged to its current size in 1964.

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History of Scotts Flat Lake...

Today, the mining camp of Scotts Flat is under water, trees are growing up to cover the hydraulic mining scars, and Scotts Flat Lake is a recreation area...but the water still provides for irrigation and power generation needs downstream. Snow Mountain Ditch, built in 1854, runs along the north side of the lake. Although no longer in use, the ditch is still clearly visible as it runs past the GCYC (Gold Country Yacht Club) Clubhouse. Cascade Canal on the south side of the lake was recently changed to a concrete pipe to continue delivering water into the future.

Treasurer's Corner

Opening fiscal-year cash balance at 4/1/2024 was \$5,890. Cash received through 9/30/2024 (six months of activity) totals \$18,195 (compared to budget of \$20,680 or 88%), and includes basic and enhanced membership renewals of \$15,605, donations of \$1,985, and Lost Mine Lake (LML) rental and deposit fees of \$605.

Year-to-date (YTD) cash expenditures total \$10,770 and includes \$5,360 related to LML labor and supplies for routine lake upkeep and expansion of the beach area with new sand. Additionally, utilities expense was \$1,860 primarily to support the bubblers in the lake to maintain clarity.

The balance of YTD expenditures of \$3,550 pertains to administrative costs including home monitoring \$1,500, member outreach costs \$1,620, LML deposit refunds \$260, and firehouse cleaning \$170.

YTD cash expenditures represent 54% of our annual budget. Remaining expected expenditures of \$12,130 include renewal of Directors and Officer Liability insurance and General Liability insurance, labor and supplies for LML, six months of recurring expenses for home monitoring and utilities, fiscal year-end costs for mailing the Spring newsletter, property taxes, Firehouse rental fees, and Blue Host website renewal.

The fiscal year-end cash balance is estimated at \$1,200.

Submitted by Cheryl Lester, MBA, CPA
CSHA Treasurer and Membership Chair

Volunteers and Lost Mine Lake

Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA) was formed when Lost Mine Lake and its surrounding acreage were donated by the Boise Cascade Corporation in 1969. Our charter purpose is the care and maintenance of Lost Mine Lake as stated in Article 1 of the CSHA by-laws. Article 1 clarifies why much of our time and resources are focused on Lost Mine Lake. Not all HOA's are as lucky as we are to have such a beautiful place to call our own. You can find a copy of the by-laws on our website: www.cascadeshores.org.

There are many accomplishments of the CSHA board and that is why volunteering is so important. But volunteering is not for everyone and that's OK, but if you're not happy with the board or how things are going in Cascade Shores then be part of the solution and volunteer to serve on the board. It requires about an hour a month, 9 months out of the year, and helping out at CSHA events, mostly in the summer.

The real truth is that without CSHA there will be no Lost Mine Lake. What happens to the Lake should CSHA be dissolved is unclear, but a chain link fence around the property would be a tragedy.

Leslie Grassi
CSHA Secretary

Trash, Theft and Vandalism at Lost Mine Lake



Over the years we have dealt with numerous instances of theft, vandalism and trash being dumped at Lost Mine Lake. We have been forced to install cameras to keep an eye on the dumpster, the

kitchen and pavilion because of it. Sadly this is where some of your dues are being spent, cleaning up, repairing and replacing property at Lost Mine Lake.

If you see anyone committing any acts of vandalism, theft or dumping trash at Lost Mine Lake or anywhere in Cascade Shores, please call the Nevada County Sheriff's Office at 530-265-1471. By doing so, law enforcement will have a documented record of occurrences that will support our need for a greater law enforcement presence in our community.

Important Phone Numbers



EMERGENCIES CALL 911

(area code 530, unless otherwise noted)

SHERIFF

Reporting.....265-1471
Narcotics Tip Line.....265-4178

CHP.....477-4900

ANIMAL CONTROL.....273-2179

WILDLIFE RESCUE.....470-2690

WILDLIFE CRIME TIP LINE.....1-888-334-2258

FIRE (Non-Emergency).....273-3158

BURN DAY (Call before you burn).....274-7928

CAL FIRE (Nevada-Yuba-Placer).....889-0111

OES (Office of Emergency Services).....265-1538

ROADS, DOWNED TREES, FLOODING....265-1411

ILLEGAL DUMPING.....265-7111

SEWER OVERFLOWS, SPILLS.....265-1555

FISH & WILDLIFE.....1-916-445-0411

COUNTY INFORMATION.....211

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (NID)

Business.....273-6185
Emergency (M-F 8am-5pm).....273-6185
Emergency (Weekends, After Hours)...273-3346

AT&T TELEPHONE OUTAGE.....611

PG&E POWER OUTAGE.....1-800-743-5002

COMCAST.....1-800-266-2278

CODE COMPLIANCE.....265-1222

OUR SUPERVISOR Heidi Hall.....265-1480
email: heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov

NEVADA COUNTRY ROAD SERVICE MANAGER

John Veasey.....470-2821
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DIRECTOR OF OES FOR NEVADA COUNTY

Craig Griesbach.....265-1583
e-mail: Craig.Griesbach@nevadacountyca.gov

The CSHA Board of Directors continues to voice the needs of Cascade Shores residents to the powers that be, and we will continue to do so, but we can't always go it alone, especially when it comes to our roads and fire safety. It's time for all residents of Cascade Shores to speak up! Please use the above list of important phone numbers when the need arises and to voice your opinions should you be so inclined.

Home Monitoring Service

The home monitoring service provides weekly checks of your home to make sure that doors and windows are secure, and that no intrusion has been noted. The property is examined for trees or limbs that threaten the home, especially after a storm. Typically, we walk the perimeter of the home and onto decks for vacation monitoring or unoccupied home monitoring. If an irregularity is observed, we will contact the homeowner. If necessary, law enforcement will be contacted. With occupied home monitoring, or if you are here, at your vacation home, we will not disturb you. Past notifications have included serious tree damage, water pipe rupture and garage doors left open to wildlife, or worse, intruders. During inclement weather we will do the best we can to access your property.

Please remember that this service is **NOT** a substitute for law enforcement. If you have issues or concerns about stolen mail, off-road vehicles being driven on residential streets, offensive noise from unruly neighbors or visitors, alarms going off at unoccupied homes, suspicious activity, dogs not on leashes, excessive speeding, or family issues of any kind please contact the appropriate Nevada County authority. They have the legal power to respond and act. Their phone numbers are:

Law enforcement

Nevada County Sheriff's Office: 530-265-1471

Animal Control

Nevada County Animal Control: 530-273-2179

If you are interested in the home monitoring service, check out the CSHA website: www.cascadeshores.org and click on the Home Monitoring Services link on the left side of the screen. The "Authorization for Home Monitoring Services" form is located there. Enhanced Membership is an affordable \$225 per year, which includes weekly monitoring of your home (April 1 to March 31, weather permitting).

Clay Glanz & Leslie Grassi
Home Monitoring Team

Service Provider List

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Cascade Shores Homeowners Association

A homeowners organization dedicated to the protection of our commonly held property, Lost Mine Lake, the promotion of community safety, property values, and the overall desirability of living in Cascade Shores.

We welcome and support people of all backgrounds and ethnicity and we depend on each other to create the best possible living conditions in our community. Consideration and respect are encouraged when making decisions that impact our neighborhood and our environment.

Current CSHA Board Members 2024-25

President: Roads	Harry Wander	hjewander@comcast.net	530-300-2126
Vice President: Lost Mine Lake Supervisor	Doug Gloff	dgloff12@hotmail.com	530-263-2186
Treasurer: Membership, Propane	Cheryl Lester	clester4300@aol.com	408-656-9382
Secretary: Newsletter, Website, FaceBook	Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
Home Monitoring Service	Clay Glanz, Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
Board Member: Lost Mine Lake Assistant	Andrew Guevel	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020
Board Member: Member-at-large	Terry McAteer	termcateer@gmail.com	530-273-2776
Firewise Committee Contact	Christina Sloane	ctrimble2@yahoo.se	707-484-1918
Firewise Committee Contact	Greg Sloane		530-545-0951

Association members are welcome to attend CSHA Board Meetings. Members who wish to present issues to the board shall so advise the President 3 days prior to the meeting. Participation by CSHA Members in board discussions is welcomed. Come meet your neighbors and help us make Cascade Shores a welcoming place to live. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. November & March-May at the firehouse, June-October at Lost Mine Lake.



Cascade Shores Fire Wise Committee

Don't forget to return your **tracking your hours** sheet below. This is an important step in maintaining our Firewise Community designation, which is very important to homeowners who receive an insurance premium reduction because of that designation.

Your Hard Work Needs to be Counted PLEASE HELP!

Our Firewise Community must renew its standing each year in order to be re-certified.

Information programs, community meetings, and our advocacy efforts need to be documented for our application. However, an important part is the work that is being done on each property to improve fire safety, something that only the residents can claim. **We need your help to document what you have been doing so that we can complete our firewise renewal.**

We are simply asking for a rough estimate of your time and money spent.

Please take a few minutes to copy and complete this form and mail to:

Cascade Shores Fire Wise Committee
16528 Pasquale Road, Nevada City, CA 95959
or e-mail this information to CSHAFirewiseCmte@gmail.com

Tell us of your efforts for the time period of your own choosing:

_____, _____ to _____, _____.
(month) (year) (month) (year)

Name _____

Address _____

Contact e-mail _____

Contact phone _____

Hours spent cleaning your property: Dry debris, limbing trees, felling dangerous trees, burning, hauling, trimming, chipping, etc.	
\$ Spent cleaning your property including: Purchase of equipment, gasoline/other supplies, dump fees professional help, etc.	
\$ Spent hardening or retrofitting your property to make it more fire resistant including: Enclosed gutters, hardscaping, safer roof, vents, screening, replacement windows/skylights, fire resistant siding, safer decks/rails, etc.	
Miles driven to complete any activity above	

2023

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OF RECOGNITION

The National Fire Protection Association acknowledges that

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James T. Pauley, President, NFPA



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